

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Jiro HITOMI, et al.

GROUP: 1644

SERIAL NO.: 09/910,208

EXAMINER: Maher M. Haddad

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CONFIRMATION NO.: 4894

FOR: NOVEL CALCIUM-BINDING PROTEINS

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 8, 2009. Applicants respectfully request an extension of one month until September 8, 2009 for responding to the outstanding Office Action and request the fee thereof and any other fees required in the prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 504581.

Please amend the present application as follows: